

UNDERTAKER KILLED AT N. O. CROSSING

WHILE DRIVING CAR IN FUNERAL CORTEGE

Casket Broken Open and Corpse Hurlled Into Water Pool—S. A. Auble, Victim, Wellknown in County.

A shocking and what is probably one of the most gruesome accidents that has occurred in Medina county, took place on Monday afternoon of this week, when Sidney R. Auble, funeral director and well-known citizen of Lodi, met instant death, while driving a funeral car from River Corners to Spencer.

A cortege was following the body of Mrs. Manford Burkey from her late home in Rivers Corners to Spencer for burial, and was at the crossing of the Northern Ohio railroad, a mile and a quarter east of Spencer, when the accident occurred. The carriage bearing the officiating clergyman had safely passed over the crossing and was followed by Mr. Auble driving the funeral car. As the latter was on the track the eastbound passenger train struck it squarely, completely wrecking the car and killing Mr. Auble instantly, crushing his head and throwing his body more than an hundred feet.

The horror of the accident was intensified by the fact that the casket containing the body of Mrs. Burkey was burst open and the body hurled some distance into a pool of water.

Friendly hands tenderly gathered up the two dead bodies, placed them on the train, the latter backing up to Spencer, where the remains were cared for by Undertakers Billman & O'Brien. Later the body of Mr. Auble was removed to his home in Lodi, where Coroner E. L. Crum conducted an inquest.

Mr. Auble had been in business in Lodi for a great many years, both in the furniture business and as a funeral director. The former he disposed of about a year ago, since which time he had followed his profession only.

He is survived by one son, Hollis Auble, one sister, Mrs. E. P. Shaw, both of Lodi, and two brothers, Wm. and Ed. of Spencer. The wife and mother died about ten years ago.

The crossing where the accident occurred has always been regarded as a dangerous one, as the grade east from Spencer is descending, trains requiring little if any steam in coming down the incline, and consequently making but little noise in approaching the crossing. The engineer of the train which killed Mr. Auble declares that the engine whistle was blown at the usual place before the crossing.

SPENCER BANK HAS \$500 CHECK RETURNED

"Insufficient Funds" Lands Chicago Man in Jail

Upon a mittimus issued by Justice of Peace S. W. Shaw of Spencer, F. C. West, treasurer of the F. C. West Corporation, Chicago, was brought to the county jail early Wednesday morning by Constable Kirkpatrick of Spencer.

West is charged with having issued a check for \$500 on the Lake State Bank of Chicago, payable to Geo. G. Bouthinon of the Spencer Metal Products Co. The latter presented the check to the Spencer State Bank, the mittimus reads, and in due time it was returned to the Spencer Bank from the Chicago Bank marked "insufficient funds."

Before Probate Judge VanDeusen Wednesday morning West entered a plea of not guilty, and was bound over to the Common Pleas court under a bond of \$1,000, which was signed by R. D. Fildes and J. E. Thatcher of Medina and Geo. G. Bouthinon of Spencer.

COUNCIL BUSY WITH STREET IMPROVEMENTS

At the regular monthly meeting of Council Tuesday night the greater part of the time was spent in the passage of resolutions and ordinances for village street improvements, as follows:

Huntington street from W. Liberty to Friendship; South Broadway from Smith road to Grant street; East North street from North Broadway to East street; W. Friendship street from North Court to Medina street; North Court street north of Union street, and South Court street from the corporation line north to the beginning of the brick pavement. The ordinances and resolutions governing these improvements are published elsewhere in this paper.

A motion was carried that the village bear the cost of grading for sidewalks on all streets where paving is to be done.

Council authorized the removal of the sewer on the lot north of the American House, so that a cellar may be dug there for a building soon to be erected by Robert Edwards and J. W. Law.

The chart for the sewer on East Washington street has been lost, in consequence of which the natural taps cannot be located. Supt. Fretter of the water works was instructed to use his own judgment as to the best means of locating these taps in making connections, several of which are awaited by parties who contemplate building homes on that street.

BIG MEETING HELD AT FARM BUREAU OFFICE

Plans Made for Wooster Field Day Meet

The Board of Directors of the Medina County Farm Bureau met in their second quarterly meeting at the Farm Bureau office Saturday, April 9. The executive committee postponed their regular meeting so as to meet the directors.

The district meeting of the executive committee of District No. 8, including Medina, Wayne, Summit and Ashland, to be held at Akron during the latter part of April, was discussed. Pres. Paul P. Elliott of Medina will preside at the district conference.

The Farm Bureau "Dads" are planning a picnic this year for the wheat field day at Wooster. They will endeavor to take their wives and children and enjoy the picnic grounds at the Experiment Station this spring.

Mr. Ralph Strong gave a report of the Chicago grain marketing convention held at Chicago April 6. This was the convention called to hear the report of the much talked of committee of 7.

The report of the committee was adopted in full by the convention as reported. This plan calls for the (1) pooling of the wheat, (2) distribution thru farmers elevators, (3) contracts with grower, elevator and national sales agency.

The farmers elevators that are combining under this plan are Farmers Union, American Society of Equity, Equity Union, Pacific Coast Grain Growers, The Farmers Grain Dealers Association, The Grange Cooperative Elevators.

Mr. S. B. Stoddard made a report on legislation and taxation matters. Fully two hours were devoted to these questions.

Resolutions were sent to Mr. Dyer supporting the Citizens' Committee report on taxation.

MEDINA PEOPLE TO HEAR "ALL ABOARD"

Musical Revue to be Given by Home Talent

Those who heard the home-talent production of "Miss Bob White" given at the Princess theater a few months ago will be glad to learn that the same able caste are preparing to give a similar musical production in the near future.

The musical comedy to be presented is the famous one, "All Aboard," which achieved an immense success a few years ago in the leading theaters of the country.

"All Aboard" is an up-to-date musical and fanciful revue founded on fact. The production is from the pen of June McCree, who has written more than an hundred professional stage successes. It is said to be a continuous whirlwind of laughter, tuneful music, attractive dances and lively action.

The production calls for a caste of 12 principals and 60 chorus people. It will be under the direction of the John B. Rogers Producing Co., the same company that directed the production here of "Miss Bob White." "All Aboard" will be given under the auspices of the Ladies' Guild of St. Paul's church. The tentative dates set for its production are Thursday and Friday evenings, May 12 and 13.

The full caste of principals will be published next week.

THESE STORES CLOSED WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

The merchants undersigned will close their places of business at noon every Wednesday from May 1 to Nov. 1:

Medina County National Bank, Savings Deposit Bank, Old Phoenix National Bank, Steingass & Bradway, Bartholmy & Warner, Rickard Bros. & Fuller, F. E. Averill, Carl Houghton, D. E. Pelton, C. M. Cannon, G. W. Reinhardt, The Medina Cash Stores, S. H. Brainard, G. F. High, F. C. Bartunek, Sneed & Anderson, L. Abrams, Thos. Ferriman & Son, O. N. Leach & Gunkleman, Benz Bros., M. O. Hallock, The H. R. H. Grocery Co., Longacre & Son, Sargent & Wertz, E. R. Handchy, B. F. Hunt, C. C. Gooden, C. L. Griesinger, L. F. Garver & Son, W. J. Wall, J. W. Tuttle, Simmerman & Bachtell, M. E. McCulloch, M. T. Wright, Beede & Edwards, R. W. Crites, Warner-Hemmett Co., N. O. Fuller, E. C. Ziegler & Son, Oatman & Beck, Oatman's Hardware Co., A. Munson & Son, Medina Economy Store, Miss Bishop.

VESPER SERVICE

At Vespers at St. Paul's church Sunday at 4 p. m., the following musical program will be given by the choir and soloists:

Processional—"Hark, Hark My Soul"
Nun, Dimitris
Anthem—"I Will Arise"
Soloist, Mr. Best
Vesper Hymn—"Now the Day is Over"
Duet—"I Waited for the Lord"
Mendelssohn

Mrs. R. M. Long, Mr. M. F. Bryant
Hymn—"Holy Father, Cheer our Way"

Trio—"Praise Ye" (from Attila) Verdi
Mrs. Long, Mr. Bryant, Mr. Best
Recessional—"Jerusalem the Golden"

WILL INSPECT WHEAT

Earl Jones, Farm Crops Specialist, of Ohio State University, will be in the county on May 3 for the purpose of making plans for the inspection of the wheat fields of those farmers who are raising pure bred seed. A number of farmers have asked for this inspection service. If you are interested notify the Farm Bureau office at once.

WHEAT CROP OUTLOOK IS REPORTED BRIGHT

PLENTY OF FARM HELP AT WAGE REDUCTION

A Decline of 23 Per Cent. Over a Year Ago, While Farm Demand for Labor is 12 Per Cent. Less Than in 1921.

Prospects for a better than average wheat crop in Ohio are good for this year, according to the State-Federal Crop Report of April 1. The condition of the crop on April 1 is reported as 87 per cent. of normal, an increase of 6 per cent. since December 1. This compares with a 91 per cent. condition of wheat in the United States as a whole. The ten-year average condition for April 1 is 84 per cent. In 1915 an April 1 condition of 87 per cent. was followed by a crop of 40,000,000 bushels and the acreage for this year was reported last December to be materially higher than for the 1915 crop.

It appears that the damage to wheat from winter-killing will not exceed 9 per cent. in Ohio. The heaviest damage from this cause seems to be in the Eastern and North-eastern parts of the State. Carroll County reports as high as 30 per cent. winter-killed and Cuyahoga reports 23 per cent. but in not more than a third of the counties is the damage greater than 10 per cent.

The State damage from Hessian fly is placed at 5 per cent. with practically all the counties reporting some damage but with the highest damage not much above 15 per cent.

The condition of rye in Ohio is reported at 93 per cent., an increase of 8 per cent. over the December report. This condition compared with 90 per cent. for the whole United States. Last year the Ohio April 1 condition was 82 per cent. and the ten-year average is 87 per cent. The acreage reported last December was 81,000.

The number of breeding sows on Ohio farms April 1 is estimated from the reports to be 95 per cent. of the corresponding number last year, or a decline of 5 per cent. In the United States as a whole the decline was 2 per cent. The decline in Ohio compares with the larger decline of 8 per cent. during the preceding year in Ohio, and 10 per cent. for the United States, during the preceding year.

Wages for farm hands average \$40 a month and board, while a year ago \$52 a month was paid, a decline of 23 per cent. The reports show that the total supply of farm labor is 15 per cent. greater than last April, while the farm demand for labor is 12 per cent. less than a year ago.

In the majority of counties wages are between \$38 and \$42 a month with a range of from \$29 in Brown and Highland Counties to \$54 in Perry County and \$50 in Cuyahoga. The average for Franklin County is \$40, the same as the State average. In general the greatest reduction in farm wages is apparent around the larger cities.

The supply of farm labor is reported less than last year in only eleven counties and these are for the most part not close to the larger cities. Portage and Trumbull Counties report an increase of more than 50 per cent. and Scioto County reports an increase of 77 per cent. in the supply of labor.

The further employment of machinery perhaps accounts for a part of this decline in the demand for labor on farms. A larger part is doubtless due to the prevalence of the feeling among many farmers of the State that present prices for farm products do not permit the employment of labor at present prices, even after the pronounced decline in wages of the last year. They feel that farm prices have declined more than farm wages and that a still further reduction in wages must take place before they can profitably employ labor. In the meantime they are trying to cut down their farming operations to a point where they can do most of the work themselves. The reports also indicate an attitude of unwillingness to hire men from the cities because such labor is considered to be unskilled in farm work.

Farm wages in Medina county last year averaged \$60 a month. So far this year the average shows \$48.

FARM LOANS HELD UP ABOUT THREE WEEKS

Condition of Money Market Given as Reason

The following announcement has been received from the Louisville Federal Land Bank:

"We will not be in a position to accept applications for loans for about three or four weeks due to the condition of the money market at the present time. A large volume of Federal farm loan bonds will be placed on the market for sale about April 15, and the success of this sale will determine the amount of money which will be available for making loans in this district.

"The first sale of bonds, however, will not be adequate to accommodate all the applicants, for the demand for our loans is tremendous, but we hope that subsequent sales may be made, thereby giving us additional funds with which to make loans. We hope eventually to be in a position to serve all the farmers in this district who desire loans."

VIOLATION OF PURE FOOD LAW CHARGED

MEDINA MAN STUNG BY REMEDY COMPANY

Analysis of Goods Showed Labels to be Fraudulent, Says State Inspector Who Filed Affidavits in Local Court.

The American Remedy Co. of Tiffin, Ohio, pulled off a stunt on a Medina merchant about a year ago that has resulted in a criminal action being brought against it by the State. M. J. Dotter, state inspector for the Dairy and Food division of the Department of Agriculture, was in Medina Tuesday morning and filed two affidavits against L. J. Miller, president of the American Remedy Co., charging fraud. The affidavits were filed with Justice of Peace W. F. Ainsworth.

The action against the company was the outcome of a complaint lodged with the State Department by C. M. Cannon, a Medina groceryman. Cannon states that about a year ago he was approached by a man representing himself to be an agent of the American Remedy Co., authorized to negotiate a contract with Cannon for the handling of the company's goods. These goods consisted of "Antiseptic Healing Powder", and "American Cow Remedy."

According to Cannon the understanding was that he was to handle the goods wholly on a commission basis, and so far as he observed at the time the contract he signed clearly specified this fact.

Cannon received a large consignment of goods, and incidentally mentions that he has never been able to sell even a single package. Several months afterward he received a bill from the company for the entire consignment of goods. He paid no attention to the bill and later received a sharp letter from a collection agency. This led Cannon to examine his copy of the contract, wherein he discovered in very small print and adroitly worded phraseology clauses that made him liable for payment of the bill. He paid it, which amounted to about \$50.

Naturally ranking under the treatment he had received, Cannon laid the case before the State Department. The latter took samples of the Tiffin Company's product for analysis, the result of which, according to Inspector Dotter, warranted to department in instituting legal proceedings against the company.

The department found that the labels on packages grossly exaggerated the medicinal value of the remedies, amounting to a misbrand, and were palpably fraudulent.

The affidavits state that the American Cow Remedy was adulterated, in that its strength, quality and purity fell below the professed standard under which it was offered for sale, and was not in accord with the State pure food law.

A hearing of the case has been set for Thursday afternoon, April 21, at 1 p. m., before Justice Ainsworth.

COUNTY PASTORS TABOO INSANE BLUE LAWS

Contend Only for Rational Use of Sunday

The pastors of the county held an unusually interesting meeting Monday at the Medina Church of Christ. The discussion was led by Rev. R. K. Cault of St. Paul's church on the subject of the Sunday blue laws. While an association such as the one composed of the pastors of every denomination represented in Medina county is sure to have many and varied points of view, the members present Monday agreed almost unanimously on all the major points in the discussion.

One of the most vital points shown by the consideration of this subject was that the church members throughout the country were in no wise desirous of placing a high board fence about our modern Sunday and making it useless to mankind. Throughout the discussion, which lasted well into the afternoon, there was a marked willingness evident to so use Sunday both within and without the church edifices in such a way as to contribute the maximum possible to the betterment of mankind, whether it be thru devotional service or genuine recreation.

DEATH, TUESDAY, OF FRED M. VANDEVIER

After an illness covering an extended period, death came to the relief of Fred M. VanDevier on Tuesday of this week at his home on the south pike, about a mile from Medina.

Mr. VanDevier was 63 years of age and was born at Osborne Corners, O. He is survived by a widow and four children—Irwin, Nellie and Don of Medina, and Bert of Akron.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon at 2 o'clock at the M.E. church, conducted by Rev. W. H. Bryenton, and burial made in Spring Grove cemetery.

About 75 business men representing the Akron Chamber of Commerce, were in Medina early Thursday evening, one of several stops made along the line of the Northern Ohio, and while here were entertained jointly by the Kiwanis and Winyah clubs.

FARMERS SEE VALUE OF TUBERCULOSIS TEST

Tested Herds Bring High Price—Others Shied At

Another dairy farmer in Medina county has decided to make application for tuberculosis testing. He is Atlee Ganyard, a Holstein breeder of Granger. This looks mighty encouraging for the dairy business in Medina county. Do you think it pays? You will think so when you read the following:

Two Holstein sales have recently been held in the county. The cattle in one of the herds was tuberculin tested while in the other they were not. In the first case men from other parts of the state attended the sale, bid and bought a number of animals. This sale averaged nearly \$300 per head. In the other case the cattle were not tested. In spite of the fact that this sale was held the next day after the one mentioned above, the buyers from outside the county did not stay. Why? Because they had a tuberculin-free herd at home and there fore could not buy cows that had not been tested.

The writer understands that the cattle in this second sale sold for such a low price that the owner decided not to sell them all. It certainly pays to have your herd tested. Send to the Farm Bureau office for application blanks.

Dr. Elissen, State Veterinarian, and Dr. J. S. Healy, also of the State Department of Agriculture, report that 21,428 head of cattle were shipped out of Wisconsin in 1919 for breeding purposes, while only 4,147 head were brot into the state. The figures emphasize the importance of the work being done by the department in eradicating tuberculosis, and thus creating an increased demand for disease-free cattle. There are whole counties in Wisconsin that are entirely free of tuberculosis. Medina should be one of these free counties in Ohio.

GRAND JURY RETURNS ELEVEN INDICTMENTS

Only Three of These Were Made Public

The grand jury which appeared in court for duty Monday morning were in session two days. They examined 23 witnesses, covering 13 cases, presented 11 true bills and ignored 2. Of the 11 indictments returned, only 3 were made public. The latter were against Theodore Riser, Wm. McCoy and Fred Yost, each for burglary and larceny.

Riser and McCoy are charged with having burglarized and robbed the store of E. F. Holmes at Chippewa Lake on the night of March 26, and Yost with having broken into a room in Taylor Inn, Lodi, on Jan. 13, and stolen about 200 quarts of whisky, which Proprietor Frank Rairdin of the Inn declares was his property. Yost was held by the federal authorities for a while for his connection with this liquor, but was recently released from the federal court and returned to Medina to answer to the burglary and larceny charge.

The grand jury before adjourning followed its usual custom of inspecting the county jail, and reports the later as satisfactory in all particulars. Chas. E. Maytham was foreman.

Since the above was written three of the suppressed indictments were made public as follows: Willis Cannon, for unlawful sale of stock; C. W. Patterson, for embezzlement, and Frank Senz for receiving stolen property.

Cannon is already under a previous indictment for selling securities of the Commonwealth Mortgage Co., of Minnesota to the value of \$3,000, to Isaac Betz of Spencer, without having previously, it is alleged, filed with the Ohio State Securities Commission the information required by law.

Patterson is charged with having collected and appropriated to his own use \$75 belonging to the A. D. Goodman Co. of Cleveland, for whom Patterson was agent. The collection is said to have been made from Mrs. Jennie Lanphere of Medina for a consignment of cigarettes sold to her by Patterson. Patterson was arrested Wednesday morning in Elyria by Deputy Sheriff Hange.

Since his indictment, the case against Senz has been nolleed by Prosecuting Attorney Seymour. It is understood that Senz is to be a material witness for the state in the cases against Riser and McCoy.

GET MANY BIDS FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS

At their meeting last Friday the county commissioners opened bids received for the improvement of the following roads:

For the Cleveland-Wooster pike, north of Seville, estimated cost \$38,334.81, there were eight bidders. The highest bid was \$86,649.11, the lowest \$78,616.65, the latter bid being by J. B. Davis, Akron.

Cleveland-Wooster pike, south of Seville, estimated cost \$73,304.21, nine bidders. Highest bid, \$72,444.91, lowest \$65,501.78, the latter by J. B. Davis, Akron.

Cleveland-Hinckley I.C.H. 32, estimated cost \$82,313.10, three bidders. Highest \$80,110.52, lowest \$77,315.88, latter by J. B. Davis, Akron.

Medina-Norwalk road, Litchfield township, estimated cost \$86,674.50, two bidders. Highest, \$85,924.00, lowest \$33,908.50, latter by Elyria Construction Co.

In all there were 22 bidders. Contracts have not been awarded yet.

COUNTY FIELD DAY TO BE BIG EVENT

ON FAIR GROUNDS THURSDAY, MAY 20

Expected That Every School in the County Will Participate in the Numerous Events—Spencer Won Last Year.

The county athletic committee has made tentative arrangements for the annual county field meet to be held at the fair grounds in Medina, May 20. It is planned to make this event a county school picnic and it is hoped large delegations will be present from all the schools in the county district. Events have been included for pupils of the elementary schools. Spencer won the meet last year. Events are as follows:

High school—Boys: 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, 200 yard dash, 400 yard dash, 800 yard dash, 1 mile relay race, 1-2 mile relay race, 1-2 mile race, shot put, pole vault, running high jump, running broad jump. Girls: 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, 200 yard relay race, baseball throw. Elementary schools—Boys in grades 6, 7 and 8, and other elementary boys over 12 years of age: 50 yard dash for light weights, 100 yard dash for heavy weights, 400 yard relay race for heavy weights, high jump, running broad jump, baseball throw. Boys below Grade 6: 50 yard dash, 200 yard dash; 100 pounds or less will be considered light weight and over 100 pounds heavy weight. Girls above grade 4: 50 yard dash, 200 yard relay. Girls below grade 4: 50 yard dash, 200 yard dash. Any girl in grades: baseball throw.

Grade events begin at 10:30 and high school events at 12:30.

All entries shall be made through the superintendent or principal of each school to the county superintendent two days before the contest occurs. No pupil shall contest who has not maintained a passing grade in at least 15 hours work per week up to the time of the contest. Competent and non-interested judges will have charge of the events. Suitable school and individual awards will be made.

COUNTY SCHOOLS ARRANGE SERIES OF BALL GAMES

Cup to be Given to Championship Team

The Athletic Committee of the Medina county schools have completed a schedule for a series of ball game games during the next two months, and arranged for the presentation of a cup to the champion team, to be held until the next contest. The schedule and rules governing it follow:

April 15: Lodi at Homerville, Sharon at Granger, York at Liverpool.

April 22: Homerville at Spencer, Seville at Leroy, Liverpool at Litchfield, Granger at Brunswick.

April 29: Lodi at Spencer, Brunswick at Spencer, Litchfield at York.

May 6: Homerville at Lodi, Sharon at Brunswick, York at Litchfield.

May 11: Spencer at Homerville, Brunswick at Granger, Liverpool at York.

May 13: Spencer at Lodi, Leroy at Seville, Litchfield at Liverpool, Granger at Sharon.

(1) All games shall be played according to contracts which may be secured from the County Superintendent.

(2) Results of games shall be sent to the County Superintendent by the principal and superintendent of the home team immediately after each contest.

(3) The county shall be divided as follows: Group 1, Leroy and Seville; group 2, Lodi, Homerville and Spencer; group 3, Litchfield and Liverpool; group 4, Brunswick, Granger and Sharon.

(4) The winning team in group 1 will play the winning team in group 2; the winning team in group 3 will play the winning team in group 4, between May 13 and 20, on some neutral grounds; date to be arranged by the teams themselves. The winning team of group 1 and 2 will play the winning team of group 3 and 4, at Medina, on a date to be arranged by the County Superintendent.

(5) If the games cannot be played on assigned dates, new dates shall be set by the faculty managers of the teams concerned.

HAD NO RECORDS, SO COULD NOT MAKE SALE

On day last week Mr. Wylie, County Agent of Muskingum county and high point judge at the International in 1914, together with two other livestock men, were in Medina county looking for pure bred Holstein calves for Boys' and Girls' Calf club work. They were taken out to see the herds of some of our best breeders and were much pleased with the calves they saw and their pedigrees. Yet, because of the fact that no production records could be shown for the dams of the calves, they were not sold.

These men were willing to pay \$300 per head for these calves, but demanded a production record. It's high time that the pure bred breeders in Medina look to cow-testing work.

Mr. McKellip of Columbus will be in the county Thursday and Friday of this week to assist in the organization of these associations. The Farm Bureau office will give any additional information desired to any one who telephones to or calls at the office.